

**Monday, February 15**

# *ON THIS DAY*



**▲ 1764: French explorers founded the American city of St Louis**

**1922:** The Permanent Court of International Justice, sitting in The Hague in Holland, held its first session

**1971: Decimal currency replaced pounds, shillings and pence in Britain**

**1989:** More than 100,000 Soviet troops left Afghanistan 10 years after Moscow sent in troops to help the tottering Marxist government in Kabul

**2009: A constitutional referendum in Venezuela granted President Hugo Chavez the right to stand for re-election indefinitely**